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## Ag In The Classroom Announces Bookmark Contest Winners

Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC) held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Agriculture Bookmark Contest award ceremony on May 6, 2005 at the Herschler Building in Cheyenne. Twelve Wyoming students were selected as winners:

- **Ty Carpenter**, "Load Up On Ag"; Parent's Name: Jennifer Carpenter; School: Ft. Bridger Elementary; Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Mr. Argyle.
- **Dominique Polk**, "You Should Eat Meat-It'll Make You Strong and Neat!"; Parent's Name: Carolyn Polk; School: Douglas Intermediate School; Grade: 4th; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Falkenburg.
- **Sarah Lehmitz**, "A Teeny Tiny Seed – Can Do a Very Good Deed"; Parent's Names: Paul and Teresa Lehmitz; School: Trail Elementary; Grade: 5<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Roth.
- **Taylor Seymour**, "The Ag Bone is Connected to the Eating Bone!"; Parent's Names: Kyle and Crystal Seymour; School: Kaycee Elementary School; Grade: 5<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Elaine Warren.
- **Staysha Smith**, "We All Need Agriculture – Food, Clothing, Plants, Animals What a Team!"; Parent's Names: Scott and Dione Smith; School: Home Schooled Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Dione Smith.
- **Katy Odenbach**, "To Beef or Not to Beef – William Milkshakespeare"; Parent's Names: Rod and Mary Odenbach; School: Kaycee Elementary; Grade: 5th; Teacher's Name: Elaine Warren.
- **Conner Lee**, "Agriculture is for All Nature"; Parent's Names: Brent and Sue Lee; School: Little Snake River Valley; Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Kurberry.
- **Adrianna Noisy Hawk**, "Agriculture is Your Life"; Parent's Names: Kathryn and Edward Noisy Hawk; School: Wyoming Indian Elementary; Grade: 4th; Teacher's Name: Mr. Hessling.
- **Sara Ott**, "Baa!!... "Ewe" Should Be Thankful, I Gave "Ewe" My Wool For Clothes."; Parent's Names: Lowell and Cheryl Ott; School: Meadowlark Elementary; Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Kimberly Harvey.
- **A.J. Russell**, "Keep Those Crops A Growing, So Ag Keeps Going!"; Parent's Names: Bill and Laura Russell; School: Douglas Intermediate; Grade: 4th; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Falkenburg.
- **Natalie Duncan**, "Ag Grows Food For US to Eat, And it Can't Be Beat!"; Parent's Names: Steve and Linda Duncan; School: Little Snake River Valley; Grade: 5<sup>th</sup>; Teacher's Name: Mrs. KcKibben.
- **Natasha Sabourin**, "10 Cheers for Agriculture"; Parent's Names: Ed and Christie Sabourin; School: Farson-Eden Elementary; Grade: 5th; Teacher's Name: Jennifer Applequist.

- **Honorable mentions:** Emily Simpson, UW Lab School in Laramie; Dayln Grindle, Farson-Eden Elementary in Farson; Dylan Davidson, Douglas Intermediate School in Douglas; Dalton Cross, Sundance Elementary in Sundance; Mark Reimann, Meadowlark Elementary in Buffalo; and Austin Rutt, Trail Elementary in Torrington.

Guest speakers at the ceremony included Governor Dave Freudenthal; Milward Simpson, arts manager for the Wyoming Arts Council; Jim Schwartz, deputy director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture; Keith Geis, WAIC president; and Wyoming Weed and Pest Council members.

Local Wyoming artist Perry White of Amphibious Emotions Productions donated 5 hand signed limited edition framed prints to Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom to use for the contest. White also donated 25 books and note card sets for the award winners. Each set was hand signed specifically for the recipient.

"It is wonderful that children are being published at an early age. I want to reward their hard work with some of my own," White said. White was raised in Wyoming. His artwork features Wyoming wildlife. To contact Perry White call (307) 421-9883.

WAIC is a nonprofit organization incorporated in 1987 for the purpose of developing an understanding about the importance and the values of agriculture and its role in maintaining and improving the environment, economy, and quality of life. The Agriculture Bookmark Contest is one of the many programs that WAIC has developed to promote agriculture awareness for Wyoming students.

The bookmark contest is sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, the Wyoming Beef Council, and the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. The winning bookmarks will be distributed across the state at elementary schools, public libraries, businesses, and Agriculture Expos. For more information to display these bookmarks, please contact Sarka White with Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom at [wyaic@state.wy.us](mailto:wyaic@state.wy.us).

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